

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,
4 providing for work requirements.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
8 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to
9 read:

10 Section 441.10. Work Requirements.--(a) No later than March
11 1 of each year, the secretary shall apply to the Centers for
12 Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department
13 of Health and Human Services for a demonstration program under
14 section 1115 of the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C.
15 § 1315) for the following purposes:

16 (1) Instituting a work requirement for a medical assistance
17 enrollee who is not exempt under paragraph (4). The work
18 requirement shall require a medical assistance enrollee to
19 become employed, actively seek employment as verified by the

1 department or attend a job training program in accordance with
2 the following:

3 (i) In the case of a medical assistance enrollee who is
4 employed or attending job training programs in order to maintain
5 enrollment in the medical assistance program, the medical
6 assistance enrollee shall work twenty hours a week or complete
7 twelve job training program-related activities a month.

8 (ii) A medical assistance enrollee who has failed to comply
9 with the work requirement under subparagraph (i) shall
10 relinquish medical assistance program eligibility for the
11 following time periods:

12 (A) Three months beginning in year two of employment.

13 (B) Six months beginning after the time period under clause
14 (A) expires.

15 (C) Nine months beginning after the time period under clause
16 (B) expires.

17 (2) Requiring an able-bodied medical assistance enrollee who
18 is nineteen years of age or older to verify on a biannual basis
19 or by request of the department the medical assistance
20 enrollee's family income or the medical assistance enrollee's
21 compliance with the provisions under paragraph (1) for the
22 purpose of determining the medical assistance enrollee's
23 eligibility.

24 (3) Delaying an individual from enrolling in a medical
25 assistance program if the individual has failed to comply with
26 paragraphs (1) and (2).

27 (4) Exempting a medical assistance enrollee from the
28 requirements under paragraphs (1) and (2) under any of the
29 following conditions:

30 (i) The medical assistance enrollee is attending high school

1 as a full-time student.

2 (ii) The medical assistance enrollee is currently receiving
3 temporary or permanent long-term disability benefits.

4 (iii) The medical assistance enrollee is an individual
5 nineteen years of age or younger or sixty-five years of age or
6 older.

7 (iv) The medical assistance enrollee is a pregnant woman.

8 (v) The medical assistance enrollee receives Supplemental
9 Security Income (SSI) benefits.

10 (vi) The medical assistance enrollee resides in a mental
11 health institution or correctional institution.

12 (vii) The medical assistance enrollee is experiencing a
13 crisis, serious medical condition or temporary condition that
14 prevents the Medicaid enrollee from actively seeking employment,
15 such as domestic violence or substance use disorder.

16 (viii) The medical assistance enrollee is the primary
17 caregiver to a dependent who is under six years of age or is
18 permanently disabled.

19 (b) The secretary's application for the demonstration
20 program under subsection (a) shall also align with other
21 assistance programs that have work requirements in order to
22 reduce the cost of monitoring the work requirements.

23 (c) The demonstration program under subsection (a) may also
24 include a medical assistance buy-in component to allow workers
25 with disabilities to have higher wage earnings and maintain
26 their medical assistance coverage.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

